

4. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1 wherein the indicator comprises text that presents the user with instructions for operating an input device to perceive the content when a graphical interface tool is positioned over the indicator.

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5. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1 wherein enabling the user to perceive the content includes presenting the content to the user when the user requests access to the content by at least positioning a graphical interface tool over the indicator.

8. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1 wherein enabling the user to perceive the content includes presenting the content in a browser window.

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9. (AMENDED) The method of claim 8 wherein preventing the user from capturing the content comprises preventing the user from accessing an application of a browser used to produce the browser window that is otherwise capable of at least one of copying and saving the content.

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12. (AMENDED) The method of claim 11 wherein presenting the indicator includes presenting an icon that differs from the content and that indicates a presence of the content.

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15. (AMENDED) The method of claim 12 wherein receiving a request from the user to access the content includes receiving input from the user corresponding to positioning of a graphical interface tool over the icon.

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18. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1 wherein the content is described in a hypertext markup language.

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23. (AMENDED) A system for protecting content, the system comprising:
a processor having communications links for receiving content from a network;
an output device for making received network content perceivable;
an input device for receiving user input; and

memory storing software instructions performed by the processor (i) for presenting an indicator that differs from the content and indicates the presence of the content, (ii) for preventing the user from perceiving the content while the indicator is being presented, (iii) for receiving a request from a user to access the content, (iv) for enabling a user to perceive the content based on the request received from the user, and (v) for preventing the user from capturing the content.

24. (AMENDED) The system of claim 23 wherein the software instructions for preventing the user from capturing the content includes software instructions for preventing the user from capturing the content while perception of the content is enabled.

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25. (AMENDED) The system of claim 23 wherein the content is an image and the memory includes software instructions performable by the processor for generating the indicator to include a display area having a size and a location that are substantially the same as a size and a position of the image.

26. (AMENDED) The system of claim 23 wherein the memory includes software instructions performable by the processor for generating the indicator to include text that is presented to the user with instructions for operating an input device to perceive the content when a graphical interface tool is positioned over the indicator.

27. (AMENDED) The system of claim 23 wherein the software instruction for enabling the user to perceive the content include software instructions for presenting the content to the user when the user requests access to the content by at least positioning a graphical interface tool over the indicator.

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30. (AMENDED) The system of claim 23 wherein the software instructions for enabling the user to perceive the content include software instructions for presenting the content in a browser window.

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31. (AMENDED) The system of claim 30 wherein the software instructions for preventing the user from capturing the content comprises software instructions for preventing the user from accessing an application of a browser used to produce the browser window that otherwise is capable of at least one of copying and saving the content.

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36. (AMENDED) The system of claim 23 wherein the content is described in a hyper-text markup language.

42. (AMENDED) Computer software, tangibly embodied in a computer-readable medium or in a propagated carrier signal, for protecting content, for causing a computer system to perform the following operations, the software comprising:

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a first code segment to generate an indicator that differs from the content and indicates the presence of the content;
a second code segment to prevent the user from perceiving the content while the indicator is being presented;
a third code segment to enable receipt of a request from a user to access the content;
a fourth code segment to enable perception of the content based on the request received from the user; and
a fifth code segment to prevent capturing of the content by the user.

43. (AMENDED) The software of claim 42 wherein the fifth code segment includes a code segment to prevent the user from capturing the content while perception of the content is enabled.

44. (AMENDED) The software of claim 42 wherein the content is an image and the [fourth] first code segment generates the indicator to include a display area having a size and a location that are substantially the same as a size and a position of the image.

45. (AMENDED) The software of claim 42 wherein the first code segment generates the indicator to include text that presents the user with instructions for operating an input device to perceive content when a graphical interface tool is positioned over the indicator.

46. (AMENDED) The software of claim 42 wherein the fourth code segment to enable perception of the content includes a code segment to present the content to the user when the user requests access to the content by at least positioning a graphical interface tool over the indicator.

47. (AMENDED) The software of claim 46 wherein the fifth code segment to prevent capturing of the content comprises a code segment to prevent the user from using devices capable of capturing the content while the content is being presented to the user.

48. (AMENDED) The software of claim 46 wherein the fifth code segment to prevent capturing of the content comprises a code segment to prevent the user from using a single input device to both present and capture the content.

49. (AMENDED) The software of claim 42 wherein the fourth code segment to enable perception of the content includes a code segment to present the content in a browser window.

50. (AMENDED) The software of claim 49 wherein the fifth code segment to prevent capturing of the content comprises a code segment to prevent the user from accessing an application of a browser used to produce the browser window that otherwise is capable of at least one of copying and saving the content.

51. (AMENDED) The software of claim 42 wherein the fifth code segment to prevent capturing of the content comprises a code segment to prevent a perception of the content whenever the user attempts to capture the content.